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TAGS: CASC/CS, PFOR,PGOV., (VESCO, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: WILKINS ARREST

REF: STATE 122335

1. REFTTEL RECEIVED AFTER WILKINS' DEPARTURE MAY 19.
U.S. AGENCIES WILL PRESUMABLY WISH TO PUT THESE QUESTIONS
DIRECTLY TO WILKINS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

2. DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER
ENROUTE TO AIRPORT, WILKINS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
RELEVANT TO QUESTION A.: DURING HIS BRIEFINGS BY U.S.
OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO COMING TO COSTA RICA, WILKINS
SAYS THAT HE WAS ASKED AT ONE POINT TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR
AN HOUR OR SO. WHEN HE LATER SAW VESCO IN SAN JOSE
(SAN JOSE 2302), VESCO ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE
TALKING ABOUT IN NEW YORK WHILE HE WAS OUT OF THE ROOM.

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WILKINS TOLD THE STORY TO SUPPORT HIS CONCLUSION THAT VESCO

KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN THE U.S. ATTORNEYS
OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

3. SAN JOSE 2302 REPORTED SEPARATE MEETING OF
WILKINS WITH UNKNOWN PERSONS PRESUMABLY MEMBERS OF
VESCO STAFF. TODMAN

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